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The Voice

Can You Hear Us Now?

National Guard Youth Program

Are you interested in being a member of National Guard Youth Program? The Youth Volunteer agreement form gives youth the opportunity to be included in the South Dakota National Guard Youth Program. By signing the agreement, youth will be included in youth email groups and mailing lists that will keep them up to date on current activities and events for youth. This is a great way to create friendships and keep in touch with peers. After all, you all have one thing in common – you have a loved one in the South Dakota National Guard.

We would encourage any youth that are eight years old and up that are interested in becoming involved in the South Dakota National Guard Youth Program to read, sign and return the Agreement Form. With permission from your parents or guardians this will include you in a unique group of youth throughout the state.

The Youth Volunteer Agreement form is available online at <https://sdguard.ngb.army.mil>. Go to the Family Readiness link then Youth Activities. If you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you, please call with your request.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Family Readiness Child & Youth Services Coordinator, Kristi Palmer at 1-800-658-3930, 737-6086 or kristi.palmer@sd.ngb.army.mil.

Questions from the Heart

Are you Confused? Do you have family in the Guards? Or do you just simply have a question you don't think an adult could answer? Let us help!

You can email your questions to questionsfromtheheart@sdngyouth.com and some one from the South Dakota National Guard Youth Council will answer you to the best of our capabilities.



4-H ~ Teen Leadership Conference



South Dakota State University
Brookings, SD

June 6-9, 2006

ALL Military teens are eligible to apply!!

More information will be
available in February 2006.



HEAD * HEART * HANDS * HEALTH



YOUTH CAMP



The 2006 South Dakota National Guard Youth Camp for 10-12 year olds will be held
on

July 23-28, 2006 in Rapid City.



Registration forms will be available in
February 2006. For more information, please
call 605-737-6086 or email
kristi.palmer@sd.ngb.army.mil



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

It's time for military families to start thinking about what a \$1,500 scholarship could do for their children.

Information and applications for the 2006 Scholarships for Military Children Program will be available in November at commissaries worldwide as well as online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>

Art & Essay Contest ~ 2006
 "My Military Family"

If you like to draw or write ~ check out the ASYMCA Essay & Art contest for 2006.

Log on to: www.asymca for more information or call (703) 313-9600 x 10 or email to tharper@asymca.org
Open to all Military Youth!

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Lewis & Clark Youth Rendezvous National Guard 2006 Youth Rendezvous essay contest



Write an essay about Lewis and Clark and their famous expedition of discovery and win a FREE trip to North Dakota. You will be able to walk the trail in their footsteps to experience the same American Indian culture and see the same landscapes they did over 200 years ago. Contest is open to juniors and senior students during the 2006-2007 school year. Essay submissions accepted from November 12, 2005 through February 28, 2006.

For more information and to submit your essay online, visit www.lcyouthrendezvous.com



Speak out for Military Kids is a youth speakers' bureau, formed by military and non-military youth who give presentations to schools and community groups to help educate and raise awareness about military life and deployment. A team of up to 12 youth will be selected. Applicants must be in at least 9th grade.

The objective of Speak Out for Military Kids is to increase awareness of issues facing Army National Guard and Army Reserve families during times of mobilization and deployment. We would also increase awareness of stressors faced by "suddenly military" youth, and serve as an advocate for military youth.

Expectations of SOMK Advocates
 All events are sponsored; advocates will need to meet the vans providing transportation.


Participate in initial training retreat December 28 and 29, 2005; Sioux Falls
 Participate in advocacy training and Legislative visit January 19-21, 2006; Pierre
 June 6-9 Teen Leadership Conference workshop and recruitment; SDSU Brookings

Team members will be expected to do a minimum of one speaking event per month starting with school boards and civic groups. Accomplished team members will be asked to speak at state and regional events.

Selection Process: Portfolios will be scored, and if necessary, telephone interviews will be conducted before making the final selections.

In addition to the portfolio, the following are to be included with your application:
 -Current high school (or college) transcript
 -Current photograph - dressy to formal and suitable for publicity or media use
 Complete, sign, and have signed the Certification Form
 Letters of reference and reference sheets.
 Letters of Recommendation from:

- County Extension Educator or School Teacher
- High School principal or counselor
- Person outside your family who knows you well



If selected, you will be required to submit a liability and medical release form that must be kept current as well as photography and broadcast releases





Artists * Authors Photographers Poets

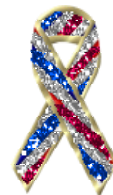
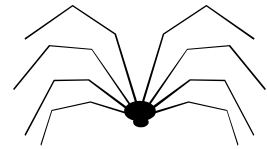
Whatever your talent is, the Youth Program Newsletter is looking for you now! We want this to be YOUR newsletter so please send in your artwork, articles, photos, and jokes to make this truly yours.

Send your info to:
youthcouncil@sdngyouth.com



Bet You Didn't Want to Know This!

The seemingly harmless "Daddy Longlegs" is more venomous than a Black Widow spider, however, this cannot be documented because the mouth is far too small to bite humans or animals of any sort. We're not willing to test THIS theory though, are you?



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" Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. "

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	4		5		8		7	



A cockroach can live nine days without its head before it starves to death.

From House to House

In this maze, you may travel one box at a time, up, down, left, right, but NOT diagonally. However, you may only move between the boxes if the words in the boxes can be joined together, in order, to form a compound word. Such as, you can move from a box that says paper to the box next to it that says weight, thus forming the word paperweight. You can't move from weight to paper however, because there is NO such word as weightpaper. Following these rules, can you find your way from HOUSE in the upper left to HOUSE in the lower right?

HOUSE	WORK	BOOK	WORM	SIDE	KICK	OFF	SET
FLY	PAPER	BACK	HOLE	WAY	WORK	HAND	BAG
LIFT	WEIGHT	GROUND	WATER	PARK	BRIDGE	SPRING	PIPE
OUT	WASH	HOG	SHED	BALL	FOOT	STEP	LINE
DOOR	HORSE	SAW	DUST	POINT	TENDER	SISTER	UP
STOP	OVER	SEE	PAN	HANDLE	BAR	COUCH	STAGE
WATCH	OFF	SIDE	CAKE	WOOD	WIND	MAN	POWER
BAND	STAND	WALK	OUT	BOX	MILL	MAD	HOUSE

